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DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined. Claims 1-17 are pending.
2. This application has been filed with informal drawings which are acceptable for examination purposes only. Formal drawings will be required when the application is allowed.
3. The Examiner notes Applicants' discussion of various prior art systems for messaging in the background of the invention in the specification. Applicant is requested to provide the Examiner with any relevant documents pertaining to the indicated prior art systems which may be pertinent to the question of patentability in this application in order that the Examiner may properly consider the applicable prior art.
4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kane (US 5,487,100) in view of Morgan et al. (US 5,239,466) and Meske, Jr. (US 5,530,852).

Kane, an analogous electronic mail message delivery system, discloses operation to provide a server 102 with message inputs 104, 106, 108, 109 to receive email formatted messages and provide delivery to a remote selective call transceiver 134 which can originate a reply request via a communication terminal function 130, 141 (See Abstract, Fig. 1; col. 1, ln. 17 - col. 5, ln. 23). Thus, Kane discloses all of the elements of the claimed invention except for parsing retrieved information in a format configured for the receiver and directing the retrieved information to a second communication device. In that Kane operates to connect with other networks for message information, the one of ordinary skill would have looked to the related

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messaging arts for information to implement the system. Morgan et al., a related system for routing messages, discloses that it was known to provide the capability of redirecting a message to another communication device 102, 104-109 through the server 101 of a wireless communication device 112 (See Abstract; Fig. 1-3; col. 2, ln. 29 - col. 3, ln. 68). Another related system, Meske, Jr. et al., discloses that it was known to parse 400-430 information 410 at a message server 150 after retrieving 250, 220 it at the request of a user agent for presentation in a desired format at a the user's particular station 100 (Abstract; Fig. 4-5; col. 2, ln. 22 - col. 3, ln. 8; col. 5, ln. 17 - col. 6, ln. 36). Thus, the one of ordinary skill would have been aware of the teachings of the prior art for redirecting and reformatting messages for presentation. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to provide Kane's message delivery system with the message redirection function taught by Morgan et al. and the message parsing/reformatting function taught by Meske, Jr. et al., thereby resulting in the system and method of claims 1-17, since Morgan et al. suggests that forwarding capabilities are necessary for users who travel away from their regular office location and Meske, Jr. et al. suggests that message parsing/reformatting will allow for a user device to utilize a single common display interface in order to simplify accessing different types of message information. Thus, providing a server or a selective communications transceiver either individually or in a common system operating in accordance with the claimed method of operation (as in claims 1-17) would have been obvious for one of ordinary skill in the art to provide for in accordance with the combination of references as discussed above.

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Additional references have been cited on the accompanying PTO-892 form which

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teach various aspects of communications message systems which are similar in operation to the system disclosed in the instant application.

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